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Vickie Rice is the Mental Health & Specialty Court Supervisor for the Dallas County Public Defender's Office. Vickie earned a Bachelor of Art's Degree in English from the University of South Carolina and a Juris Doctorate Degree from Tulane Law School. After law school, Vickie worked as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Kosta Vlahos, Senior Circuit Court Judge for Harrison, Hancock and Stone counties in Mississippi for over two years. She then moved to Dallas to begin working at the Dallas County Public Defender's Office, where she has worked since 2002. She has been practicing criminal law for 16 years.

Vickie has held many positions during her tenure with the office. She has been a trial attorney in both the Misdemeanor and Felony Divisions. She has served as the Competency Public Defender, as well as, the ATLAS and Mental Health Jail Diversion Public Defender. Prior to being promoted to her current position, she was the Assistant Misdemeanor Supervisor. The Mental Health Division is comprised of four sections: Criminal, Civil Commitment, Competency and Jail Diversion. In addition to supervising the Mental Health Division, she supervises the Assistant Public Defenders assigned to the numerous specialty courts in Dallas County. Vickie is actively involved in several Dallas County initiatives including the Dallas County Mental Health Steering Committee, Behavioral Health Leadership Team and Caruth Smart Justice/Stepping Up Initiatives.